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"Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Being Supervisor (But Were Afraid to Ask)," with Jane Parker

If anyone can fearlessly answer that question, it's long-serving 4th District Monterey County Supervisor Jane Parker. Her slogan, **"Changing the Way Monterey County Does Business,"** is no empty promise.

photo: Bob Coble



Supervisor Jane Parker
Women's March Monterey Bay
January 2020

Among many other achievements in her 11 years as Supervisor, Parker was the first to hold regular community meetings with residents (over 200); worked toward solutions to reduce gang and youth violence; supported **Marina Teen Center** to reduce truancy; helped to create more permanent, year-round jobs with living wages with the **Economic Development Committee**; and created the first-ever **Alternative Energy and Environment sub-committee**.

Her priorities include responsible land-use policy, economic development and local job creation, crime prevention, water and mass transit solutions, increased government accountability and customer service for County services, and protecting natural resources and open space. So you can pretty much ask Jane Parker **anything** about being a Supe!

Parker grew up in Monterey, inheriting a love of education from her father, **Brad** (the education beat reporter for the **Monterey Peninsula Herald**), and a dedication to public service from her mother **Polly** (a local community activist and writer). After **Monterey High**, Parker went to **UC Santa Cruz**,

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Wednesday, March 11th:

12 noon **Lunch** / 12:30 to 1:30 **Presentation**
Lunch \$20 per person: main course, salad, beverages,
& dessert by **International Cuisine of Pacific Grove**

Reservations for lunch are required!

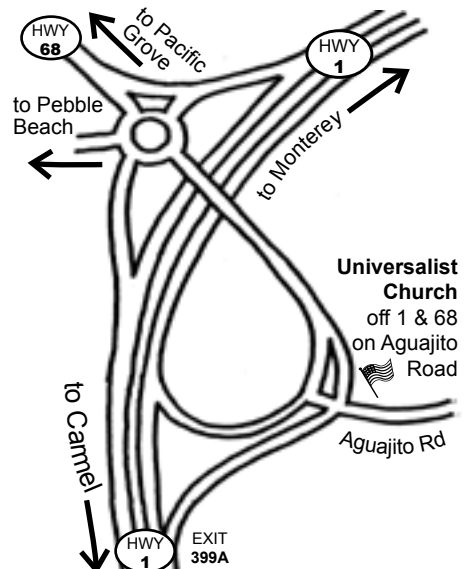
Contact Bev Kreps by Sunday, 8th March

(phone 224-3192 or e-mail bkreps1017@gmail.com)

Pay at the door for lunch; meeting/presentation is **FREE**.

Reminder to Members: LWVMC pays caterer in advance for lunches with a guaranteed minimum attendees.

L&L meets at: **Unitarian Universalist Church** <http://uucmp.org>
490 Aguajito Road / Carmel CA 93923 (831) 624-7404





LWV & WOMAN SUFFRAGE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS CONTINUE



photo: Eduardo Cuevas

The program for February 12th's **Lunch & Learn** was the second event to mark this Centennial year. LWVMC had a table at the **Women's March in Monterey** in January, and received notable publicity when our marching contingent was featured on the front page of the **Monterey Herald**. An accompanying article featured 50-year LWVMC Member **Nancy Green** (in photo above at left) who said, "women's rights must finally be considered human rights."



was decorated with copies of vintage women suffrage posters; birthday cake was enjoyed by all who came to lunch; speaker Cooney held a book signing; and the Committee announced the purchase of three copies of "**Winning the Vote**" to be donated to the **Salinas City**, the **Seaside**, and the **Monterey/Pacific Grove** library systems.

photo: Sharon Miller



Robert Cooney (at right) w/**George Riley** holding "**Winning the Vote**"

To further mark the **19th Amendment** and the **formation of the LWV**, the **Centennial Celebration Committee** invited **Robert Cooney**, author of "**Winning the Vote: the Triumph of the American Women Suffrage Movement**" and "**Remembering Inez: The Last Campaign of Inez Miholland, Suffrage Martyr,**" to speak on the American Suffrage movement.

If you were unable to attend this fascinating talk with its great Powerpoint slide show of historical photos, cartoons and posters (or you just want to hear and see it again), see page 5 for online and for local broadcast times.

photo: Sylvia Shih

To make the event festive and special: **former and current LWVMC Presidents** were invited to attend (shown in photo at right); the Unitarian Church meeting room



In upcoming months, the Committee plans to show one or two **movies about the suffrage movement** at the **Monterey Public Library**. Dates, times and other details to be announced.

On **Saturday, July 4th**, our League will join Monterey's **Independence Day celebrations** at **Colton Hall**, setting up an information table as well as proudly marching in our second parade. **Volunteers will be needed to staff the table and/or to march with us** (optional: marchers wear as much white clothing as possible in solidarity with the original suffragists). Contact me if you'd like to staff the table or march.



On **Wednesday, August 26**, we will sponsor **Zoe Nicholson's** one-woman play, "**Tea with Alice and Me,**" at the **Middlebury Institute of International Studies Monterey, Irvine Auditorium**. "Alice" is **Miss Alice Paul** (photo above) relentless champion of women suffrage and equality. We urge LWVMC members to share information about the show with friends.

The **Centennial Committee meets March 17, 2020**, at **noon at Mariposa Hall**.

Beverly Bean



To: **Congressman Jimmy Panetta**
20th Congressional District, US House of Representatives
panetta.house.gov

February 10, 2020

Subject: **Support Legislation to Remove the ERA Deadline**

Dear Congressman Panetta:

On January 27th, Virginia became the 38th state to ratify the **Equal Rights Amendment** (ERA) crossing the three-fourths threshold of support required of states for this amendment to become enshrined into law. When the ERA passed Congress in 1972, lawmakers attached a 1977 ratification deadline to it, which they later extended to 1982. Legislation introduced by **Congresswoman Jackie Speier** will remove the deadline and the final obstacle to accepting the ERA as part of the US Constitution. This legislation is moving to the floor of the US House for a final vote next week.

Despite the significant legal and legislative advances that have been made in recent decades, **women continue to face discrimination on the basis of sex**. The symptoms of this systemic discrimination are clear in the ongoing fights against unequal pay, workplace harassment, pregnancy discrimination, domestic violence, and limited access to comprehensive healthcare. It is not enough to treat the symptoms; we must address the root cause of inequality by amending the Constitution.

As a country we are on the cusp of a victory for this long-awaited amendment. Congress must do the work to eliminate the timeline, so that the amendment can go into effect immediately.

Thank you for your consideration.
Sincerely,

Howard Fosler
President, LWVMC

REGRET MISSING A LUNCH & LEARN PRESENTATION?

It's not too late to catch a past lecture, because **high quality videos are available on our website**. Go to www.LWVmryco.org and select "Luncheon Videos" on the left-hand side menu.

Some recent really engaging topics available online are listed here, but check the site for others.

"Winning the Vote: The Women's Suffrage Movement" presented by **Robert P. J. Cooney, Jr.** (February 2020)

Note: This presentation can also be seen on Comcast: Channel 27, Thursday, March 5, 6pm; Channel 24, Saturday, March 7, noon; and Channel 27, Friday March 13, 7pm.

"Climate Change: Global Causes, Local Impacts and the Way Ahead" presented by **Mike Clancy** (January 2020)

"Do Charter Schools Provide Real Choice?" presented by **Dr. P. K. Diffenbaugh** (November 2019)

"Vulture Capitalists, News Geeks and Stories Told" presented by **Joe Livernois** (October 2019)

"Impacts of Climate Change on Sea Levels & Forest Fires" presented by **Michael DeLapa** (September 2019)

LWVUS CONVENTION ★ 2020 ★

In response to the appeal to our members, **Howard and Linda Fosler** have volunteered to represent **LWV Monterey County** at the **54th National LWVUC Convention**, June 25-28 in Washington DC. Thank you, and we look forward to your report in **The Voter!**

We Remember Jeanne Melaugh

Longtime LWVMC members will remember **Jeanne Melaugh**. She held a variety of League jobs such as **The Voter Editor, Webmaster, Vice President for Administration, and Co-President**. Jeanne moved to Walnut Creek about 2009 to be closer to family. She continued to use her technical skills to assist a variety of community organizations in the East Bay including **LWV of Diablo Valley**.

Sadly, Jeanne's son **David** notified us that Jeanne died last November 2019 of cancer. She was 74 years-old.

Several League members shared their memories of Jeanne:

"I remember Jeanne as one who 'dragged' old timers like me into the 21st century by using new technical skills--- such as keeping membership rolls on the computer. Suddenly everything was kept current and accurate!" **Mez Benton**

"Jeanne was a very talented editor and programmer who created our own Voter template. We still use her format today. We attended LWVC Convention in Oakland where our League received three awards, two of them largely due to Jeanne." **Beverly Bean**

"Jeanne and I did a lot of work together. Our working styles were similar. We preferred the "behind-the-scenes" activities such as Newsletter Editor versus the Public Policy advocacy. Ironically circumstances forced both of us, at different times, to take a turn as League President!" **Dennis Mar**

★ LWVMC MEMBER PROFILE: BARBARA BALDOCK ★

Barbara Baldock has been a member of our local League of Women Voters for more than 20 years. She served on the **Natural Resources Committee** for a decade, she recalls, adding that *“I was very attracted to the fact that this League had such a committee. Many chapters apparently don’t and that’s one of my particular interests.”*



Barbara and her husband, **Phillip Butler**, also a League member, moved to the Monterey area from **San Diego** 41 years ago, when Phil took a teaching position at the **Naval Postgraduate School**.

Barbara’s passion for the environment and other social issues began in childhood, she says. At 21, she spent three months traveling through Europe in a Volkswagen bus. *“On that first trip,”* she says, *“I formed the belief that we’re all one people. I’ve always wished for world peace. Most of the people in the world want what I want—to have a good life, productive work, education.”*



After that first jaunt through Europe, Barbara decided she wanted to travel a lot more, so she spent the next 20 years as a **TWA flight attendant**. When she and Phil moved north, she worked in their family business. *“My husband was a professional motivational speaker and team builder. He worked all over the country and I did the marketing and sales part of that business.”* Phil is also one of the founders of the **Monterey chapter of Veterans for Peace**.

Barbara and Phil retired early and during retirement she’s racked up a long list of volunteer jobs. *“I’ve volunteered for the Monterey County AIDS Project and the Homework Pals Program for*

kids and also taught adults to read,” she recalls. She has a long history with the **SPCA** as well, including a term as **President of the Board**. She and Phil now work to socialize dogs and cats to prepare them for adoption. Barbara’s also been involved in helping **homeless women**, while Phil does the same with **homeless veterans**.

Barbara and Phil both believe strongly in the value of education, she adds, so *“one of the things we’ve been doing for the past 10 years is providing scholarships for CSUMB’s Undergraduate Research Opportunity Center. These are for low income students who are bright and motivated. We really like this program because it reaches an underserved community. We get to meet our scholarship recipients and take them out for breakfast or lunch. That’s very rewarding for us.”* One of **CSUMB’s scholarship programs** is named after Barbara and Phil.

Because she feels so strongly about the environment, Barbara says that *“one of the first things I did around here was become a guide for the Monterey Bay Aquarium, in 1988 to ’93. In 1990, we became volunteer docents at Point Lobos and we’re still doing it after 30 years. I’ve been speaking out for wildlife and the protection of our environment and natural world for all of my adult life.”*



When she can find some free time in her busy volunteering schedule, Barbara likes to attend the League’s Lunch and Learn sessions. *“I particularly liked the two sessions on climate change they had recently,”* she says, adding that *“I like the League’s studies and I want those to continue.”*

Nancy Baker Jacobs



The "**March 3 Primary Election Easy Voter Guide**" contained only two pages, including **Pros & Cons** for the \$15bn School & College Bond Measure "**Proposition 13**" (surprising, and confusing for some, given that that the number "13" is associated with **1978's Proposition 13**).



Candidate Forums

January 19 - San Benito County Board of Supervisors, District 2

(sponsor: Aromas Grange)

Aromas is divided between **Monterey and San Benito Counties**. Four of the five candidates attended the forum for **District 2**, a contest with no incumbent, which drew a large field.

A second **Pro & Con forum** followed for **Measure K**, a proposal regarding development along Highway 101. *League Member workers: MaryEllen Dick, Alice Ann Glenn, Margie Kay, Dennis Mar (moderator).*

January 29 - Monterey County Board of Supervisors, District 4

(sponsor: Sustainable Seaside)

All four candidates attended the forum at **Oldemeyer Center, Seaside**. *League Member workers: Sandi Berman, Kay Cline, Cynthia Hall (moderator), Margie Kay, Dennis Mar, Tama Olver, Maxine Reneker, Suzanne Schmidt.*

January 30 - San Benito County Board of Supervisors

(sponsor: San Benito County Aging & Long Term

Care Commission)

Three supervisorial seats were up for election, attracting nine candidates, all of whom attended. Questions, developed by the Commission, were around issues on aging, long term care, and people with disabilities. **Dennis Mar** served as moderator.

March Election Day Polling Place Staff

The LWVMC will staff two polling places co-located at the **Marina Branch Library** and one at the **Monterey Youth Center, Lake El Estero, Monterey**. All polling places are fully staffed with 40 League members and several non-League volunteers signed up to work. **Bob Evans, Suzanne Schmidt, and Dennis Mar** will serve as Inspectors.



Voter's Edge

Voters Edge is a great resource for voters in both the March and November elections to make informed decisions: candidate priorities, bios, photos, endorsements, positions on issues and links to social media, plus unbiased information on measures can be found at <http://votersedge.org>.

All local election candidates have received letters encouraging them to place their information into the Voter's Edge website. **73% of candidates in Monterey County are participating.**



Voter Registration November 2020

League member **Carol Kaplan** is recruiting League volunteers to help register eligible students at **Monterey Peninsula College** and **CSU Monterey Bay** (see page 2 for details).

Dennis Mar and Arlene Guest



Join the League of Women Voters of Monterey County



Any person of voting age, male or female, may be a member of the League!

Renew Your LWVMC Membership!

Call for Annual Membership letters were sent in July. If you haven't yet renewed, send your annual fee (and perhaps a donation) using the form below, or at <http://lwvmryco.org>.

Timely responses are appreciated as they help keep our local chapter strong.

New members always welcome!

Use the form below or contact:
LWVMC Membership Director
Mail to LWVMC PO Box 1995
Monterey, CA 93942

Checks payable to LWVMC

Membership Levels

- \$250+ Carrie Chapman Catt
- \$200 Sojourner Truth
- \$150 Elizabeth Cady Stanton
- \$100 Susan B. Anthony
- \$ 95 Household (2 persons, 1 address)
- \$ 65 Single membership

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ e-mail _____

- Send e-mail reminders for luncheons
- Call to remind me of luncheons
- Scholarship requested

Membership dues & contributions to LWVMC are not tax deductible, nor are donations to the Florence Curlee Scholarship Fund. However, donations to the League of Women Voters of California Education Fund (LWVCEF) are tax deductible.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

>Welcome New Member

Please welcome our newest member and don't forget to update your Handbook with this latest change:

Pamela Stewart

21576 Ord Avenue, East Garrison CA 93933

pilottsa@mac.com

(719) 331-2214

Thank You to Our Generous Donors

Thank you **Roger and Rochelle Dolan** for your \$50 donation to the Education Fund!

Want to Join our League?

Not sure if you renewed?

Need help paying your dues?

Write, call, go to <http://lwvmryco.org>,

or fill in the form at left and mail it.

However you do it, stay connected

and keep our League strong.

Lisa Hoivik, Membership Director

PLEASE VOLUNTEER FOR VOTER SERVICE DIRECTOR, SALINAS VALLEY!



*Particularly in this Election Year, this is a **part time but crucial** position to better serve the Valley. Duties: organize candidate forums, Pro & Con presentations, and encourage Salinas Valley citizens to **vote!** Mentoring and Guidance provided as needed.*

Contact Jeanne Turner

c/o LWVMryCo@gmail.com

LWVMC WEBMASTER WANTED

Help maintain our website:

<http://lwvmryco.org>

On-the-job training/guidance as needed.

contact: **Bob Evans**



★ UPCOMING LWVMC DATES 2020 ★
 DATES / SPEAKERS / TOPICS / EVENTS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

APRIL

1st / *US National Census Day*
 8th / *L&L "Prop 13: Schools & Communities First Act," speaker Helen Hutchison*

MAY

13th / *LWVMC 93rd Annual Meeting "Monterey County as Blue (Health) Zone"*

JUNE / JULY / AUGUST

Summer Break: No Meetings or The Voter

JULY

4th / *LWVMC to march in the "Independence Day Parade, Monterey"*

AUGUST

24th / *Film Presentation on Suffrage sponsored by LWVMC (additional dates/times TBA)*

26th / *Women's Equality Day "Tea with Alice and Me" performance by Zoe Nicholson sponsored by LWVMC*

SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER

Candidate Forums for November Election

 **League of Women Voters of Monterey County** 

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Voter Service: Monterey Peninsula
Dennis Mar

Voter Service: Salinas Valley (vacant and urgently searching for a replacement!)

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(* = Executive Committee)

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LWVMC Calendar 2020



MARCH

LWVMC Board Meeting
Monday, 2 March, 1:30pm
 Mariposa Hall, *contact: Howard Fosler*

Lunch & Learn with the League
Wednesday, 11 March, 12 noon
*"Everything You Always Wanted to Know About
 Being A Supervisor"* **Jane Parker**
 Unitarian Church, *contact: Kalah Bumba*

Natural Resources Committee Meeting
Thursday, 12 March, 12 noon
 Mariposa Hall, *contact: George Riley*

Centennial / Publicity Committee Meeting
Tuesday, 17 March, 12 noon
 Mariposa Hall, *contact: Bev Bean*



APRIL

LWVMC Board Meeting
Monday, 6 April, 1:30pm
 Mariposa Hall, 801 Lighthouse, Monterey
contact: Howard Fosler

Lunch & Learn with the League
Wednesday, 8 April, 12 noon
"Prop 13: Schools & Communities First Act"
Helen Hutchison, past LWV CA President
 Unitarian Church, *contact: Dennis Mar*

Natural Resources Committee Meeting
Thursday, 9 April, 12 noon
 Mariposa Hall, *contact: George Riley*

Centennial / Publicity Committee Meeting
(to be announced)

MAY

LWVMC 93rd Annual Meeting
Wednesday, 13 May, 12 noon
"Monterey County: A Blue Zone?"
(Venue, details and agenda to be announced)

JUNE / JULY / AUGUST

Summer Break: No L&L, No Meetings, No Voter